## Message Text

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SUBJECT: FRG-PRC TRADE RELATIONS

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1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH USLO, FRB EMBOFF (TRUHART)
CONFIRMED MUCH OF INFORMATION GIVEN REFTEL CONCERNING
THE FRG-PRC MIXED COMMISSION MEETINGS IN PEKING. TRUHART
EMPHASIZED THE POSITIVE TONE OF THE TALKS, CITING
SPECIFICALLY THE FAILURE OF THE CHINESE SIDE TO
RAISE THE MATTER OF THE LARGE FRG SURPLUS IN TRADE WITH
CHINA EXPECTED FOR 1976 (PROBABLY ABOUT \$400 MILLION).
WHEN THE GERMAN SIDE NOTED THIS IMBALANCE AS A POSSIBLE
OBSTACLE TO EXPANSION OF TRADE IN COMING YEARS, THE
CHINESE REPLIED THAT CHINA "WAS IN A POSITION TO PAY."
WE FIND THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE POSTURE AND THAT TAKEN
BY THE PRC IN REGARD TO THE JAPANESE SURPLUS AS
STRIKING AS DID TRUHART.

2. FOR BONN: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP IN REGARD TO THE PRC INTEREST IN OBTAINING A ROLLOVER OF DEFERRED PAYMENTS DUE IN 1977.
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